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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUPPLEMENTS THAT PROVIDED RABAT OM
TO DEPT M/MO DATED 3/23/76 IN REPLY REFTEL.

2. RCAA UNABLE TO RESPOND TO THESE SPECIFIC REQUESTS PART
THREE YEARS FOR LACK OF TRAVEL FUNDS:

A. EMBASSIES LAGOS AND GABERONE REQUEST RCAA ATTEND AND
ASSIST 3-4 DAY TELECOMM AND ELECTRONICS (CIVIL AVIATION)
SEMINAR PRESENTED BY AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

B. DEPARTMENT REQUEST RCAA REPRESENT USG AT ANNUAL MEETING
AFRICAN CIVIL AIR COMMISSION, UGANDA.

C. EMBASSY ACCRA REQUEST FOR RCAA AS CHIEF ADVISOR US DEL SECOND
ROUND US-GHANA AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AT ACCRA.

D. PANAM REGIONAL MANAGER, AFRICA, REQUEST REPS THAT RCAA ATTEND,
BRIEF AND ADVISE PANAM NEW YORK MANAGEMENT AND AFRICA REPS AT
ANNUAL PANAM MEETING ABIDJAN. (RCAA ATTENDED TWO OF LAST FOUR).

E. AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION AND GENERAL AVIATION MANUFAC-
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TURERS' ASSOCIATION REQUEST RCAA ATTEND AND BRIEF AT ANNUAL INTER-
NATIONAL (EXPORT SALES) MEETINGS IN US (NONE ATTENDED).

F. AFETER 1968 PARTICIPATION US-SENEGAL BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT

NOGOTIATIONS WASHINGTON AT DEPARTMENT REQUEST, RCAA UNABLE ATTEND
SUBSEQUENT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WASHINGTON WITH GHANA AND IVORY
COAST, UPCOMING NEGOTIATOINS WITH SENEGAL AND POSSIBLY LIBERIA.

3. REQUESTS BY FAA FOR JOINT VISITS TO IMPORTANT AFRICAN AVIATION
CAPITALS (TWO OF FOUR REQUESTS MET). PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN
ORDER TO COORDINATE PRIMARILY COMMERCIAL RESPONSABILITY OF RCAA
WITH PRIMARILY TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITY OF FAA.

4. BY SCHEDULING TRIPS TO COINCIDE, RCAA HAS BEEN ABLE TO MEET SOME
REQUESTS FROM US INDUSTRY TO PARTICIPATE ON ALL OR PARTS OF
INDUSTRY TRIPS AND PROGRAMS IN AFRICA. IN MAJORITY OF CASES (DETAILED
RECORD NNOT AVAILABLE) HAS BEEN ANABLE TO MEET REQUESTS.
THESE WERE COMMERCIALLY IMPORTANT TRIPS OF US MANAGEMENT AND/OR
EUROPE-BASED REGIONAL REPS FOR CESSNA, BOEING, MCDONNELL
DOUGLAS, PIPER, LOCKHEED, TEXAS INTRUMENTS, ITT, WILCOX,
BEECHCRAFT. MARKET INCLUDES NOT ONLY COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL AVIATION
AIRCRAFT BUT LANDONG AND NAV AIDS, AIR
TRAFFIC CONTROL, GROUND SUPPORT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.

5. IN FALL, 1974, RCAA ACCOMPANIED AT DEPT DIRECTION LOCKHEED L-1011
AND DOUGLAS DC-10 DEMONSTRATION TRIPS. HOWEVER, THIS DONE ONLY BY
USING RCAA REGULAR TRAVEL FUNDS OTHERWISE SCHEDULED FOR, AND AT
EXPENSE OF, REGULAR ANNUAL TRAGEL TO POSTS.

6. RCAA HAS FOR YEARS REGULARLY NOTIFIED POSTS OF LIMITATIONS HIS
TRAVEL DUE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS, AND POSTS HAVE LIMITED REQUESTS
ACCORDINGLY. DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO ASK POSTS JUDGMENT OF VALUE
MORE FREQUENT RCAA TRIPS IF FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE. ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS
PROVIDED BY POSTS VISITED CONSISTENTLY PLACE HIGH ASSESSMENT ON
VALUE HIS TRIPS.

7. SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED ALSO THAT IMPORTANT PART RCAA FUNCTION
IS IN SUPPORT OF US AEROSPACE AND RELATED INDUSTRIES AND ESPECIALLY
OF US FLAG CARRIERS--TWA, PANAM, CHARTER CARRIERS--IN ADDITION TO
SERVICE TO POSTS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONSULT INDUSTRIES SERVED AS
TO VALUE MORE EXTENSIVE RCAA TRAVEL.

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